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INFANTRY UNITS AT VRATSA AND KYUSTENDIL

The 7 "Rila" Infantry Division, Kyustendil

1. The command of the 7 "Rila" Infantry Division is located at No. 16 Kaloyan Street in Kyustendil in a building approximately 20 by 15 meters in size which is connected with the other buildings along the street. On the door is a sign reading "Voenno Komandstvo - Podalenie 7 x 57" (Military Command, Podalenie 7 x 57).

appeared on the door sign for the past three years. this number has
7 "Rila" Division was located in Kyustendil prior to World War II, and that it retained its old number and title when it was reorganized.

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2. three or four colonels and lieutenant colonels entering and leaving the building.

3. Units subordinate to 7 Infantry Division are located in the regions around Kyustendil, Radomir, and Dupnitsa, and identified the following regiments as being organic to the division:

a. The 13 Infantry Regiment at Kyustendil, which occupies the barracks of the "Podalenie 7 x 57" division;

b. The 22 Infantry Regiment at Dupnitsa; and

c. The 24 Infantry Regiment at Radomir.

4. Two sentinels armed with automatic rifles stand at the sides of the entrance to the command building.

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The 6 "Vidin" Infantry Division, Vratsa

5. The 6 "Vidin" Infantry Division is located in a 1-story building about 20 meters square at No. 16 or No. 17 Neofit Risli Street in Vratsa. This unit retained its old name and Podelenie number when it was reorganized, and is identified as follows: "Военно Командство - Поделение 4 x 67" (Military Command - Podelenie 4 x 67).
6. Units subordinate to this division are located at Vratsa and in the neighboring areas.

The 13 Infantry Regiment at Kyustendil

7. The 13 Infantry Regiment has remained in its former barracks in Kyustendil since its reorganization. In 1949-1950, it repainted its old sign "13 Infantry Regiment" and added "Podelenie 7 x 57" which is the identification of its superior unit, the 7 Infantry Division.
8. The regiment is lodged in barracks on Aleksandrova Street (which continues to Gyueshevo) in the western outskirts of Kyustendil, facing the city's high school. The barracks consist of 10 or 12 stone masonry sheds with tile roofs, about 20 by eight meters in size, which are located along the side of the road. The barracks are old buildings which have been reconstructed since World War II. They occupy an area approximately 350 meters square and are enclosed by a fence about two meters high.
9. The unit consists of approximately 1,000 men and is commanded by an unidentified major. [REDACTED] officers:
 - a. Lieutenant Lekan Khristov; and
 - b. Staff Sergeant Vladimir Khristov.
10. The officers and non-commissioned officers live in private homes in the city.
11. The unit had 40 or 50 horses for drawing wagons, as well as 10 or 12 motor vehicles.

The 22 Infantry Regiment at Dupnitsa

12. The 22 Infantry Regiment, subordinate to 7 Infantry Division, is lodged in barracks in the southern outskirts of Dupnitsa on the east side of the road to Gorna Dzhumaya. The barracks are identical to those of 13 Regiment, but occupy a smaller area.

The 24 Infantry Regiment at Radomir

13. The 24 Infantry Regiment occupies barracks located approximately 1,500 meters from Radomir, on the east side of the road which leads to Pernik. The barracks was built in 1940 and consists of approximately 20 stone masonry pavilions with tile roofs. Each pavilion is approximately 20 by eight meters in size. The regiment consists of about 1,000 men and is subordinate to 7 Infantry Division.

The 26 Infantry Regiment at Vratsa

14. The 26 Infantry Regiment occupies barracks in the northern outskirts of Vratsa. The buildings consist of about 12 sheds, approximately 20 by eight meters in size. This regiment is subordinate to 6 Infantry Division.

CAVALRY UNITS AT SOFIA AND PLOVDIV

The 5 Cavalry Regiment at Plovdiv

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15. The 5 Cavalry Regiment, Podelenie 4 x 32, is located in Plovdiv.

The 1 Cavalry Regiment at Sofia

16. The 1 Cavalry Regiment, Podelenie 1 x 11, is located at Sofia.

MISCELLANEOUS MILITARY INFORMATION

Soviet Officers at Kyustendil

- 25X1 17. [] there definitely are no Soviet units, commands, or officers in the Kyustendil area.

The Kyustendil Military District

18. The Voenno Okrug (Military District) of Kyustendil is located on Stalin Street (formerly Kiril i Metodi Street) in a 2-story house about 20 meters square which was formerly a private residence. Prior to 1949-1950, it was located in the barracks of 13 Infantry Regiment at Kyustendil.

Military Hospital at Kyustendil

19. A hospital reserved for military units of the Kyustendil area is located in Granitsa village, which is about two kilometers north of the city, in the vicinity of the Kyustendil civilian hospital.

Trudovak Unit at Radomir

20. A Trudovak regiment of 600-700 men is located in the same barracks as the 24 Infantry Regiment at Radomir. The unit is engaged in enlarging, repairing, and laying a road-bed (not asphalt) in the region of Elin Pelin on the Sofia-Vrabchar (N 42-52, E 22-42) road.

Border Fortifications Northwest of Kyustendil

21. In late 1952, fortifications which had been started in 1950 in the Gorna Kosnitsa mountain about 45 kilometers north-northwest of Kyustendil were completed. The fortifications are the permanent, underground type. []

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The Tobacco Industry in Kyustendil

1. There are four tobacco processing establishments in Kyustendil, as follows:
 - a. The former Leon Aseov Enterprise, located about four kilometers east of the city on the road to Dupnitsa; consists of two 3-story buildings, each about 150 by 60 meters in size, enclosed by a wall; the work is seasonal, from November to April, and about 600-700 workers are employed, most of whom are students; production consists of 20-kilogram bales of first and second quality tobacco;
 - b. The Balkan Tobacco Factory, located at No. 52 Stalin Street; consists of two 2-story buildings, each 80 by 40 meters in size; employs approximately 400 workers, and produces 20-kilogram bales of first and second quality tobacco;
 - c. The Regional Cooperative Union, located in the outskirts of the city on the secondary road which leads to Skinyano village; consists of a 5-story building about 250 by 100 meters in size, enclosed by a wall; employs approximately 500 workers, and produces 20-kilogram bales of first and second quality tobacco; and
 - d. Another enterprise located on Garata Street in the vicinity of the railroad station; consists of a square 3-story building, dimensions 20 meters by 20 meters; employs approximately 200 workers, and produces 20-kilogram bales of first and second quality tobacco.

The Civilian Hospital in Kyustendil

2. The civilian hospital of Kyustendil is located in Granitsa village, approximately two kilometers north of the city. It is a large complex, consisting of six or seven 1-story buildings measuring about 60 by 12 meters each. One of the buildings is reserved for military use. The hospital has a total of 1,000 or 1,200 beds.
3. The private clinic, formerly the property of Dr. Aleksiev, which is located at

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No. 16 Chifte Banya Street in Kyustendil has been nationalized and now houses the surgical department of the civilian hospital. It is a 1-story building about 20 meters square.

The Textile Factory in Kyustendil

4. The textile factory in Kyustendil, formerly the Salome Factory under French ownership, is located on Stalin Street (formerly Aleksandrovska Street). It consists of a large stone masonry pavilion approximately 100 by 200 meters in size, which is divided into 12 sections lengthwise. About 200 to 300 workers are employed. Production consists of natural wool thread in skeins.

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